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In re application of

Docket No: Q63075

Kazunobu FUJIKAWA, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/763,194

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Confirmation No.: 3832

Examiner: Maria Alexandra ELVE

Filed: February 20, 2001

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SURFACE DISCHARGE PROCESSING, AND AN ELECTRODE FOR SURFACE DISCHARGE PROCESSING

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time of one month, extending the time for responding to the Office Action of August 7, 2003 to November 7, 2003.

A check for the statutory fee of \$110.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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RESPONSE TO QUAYLE ACTION

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Sir:

In response to the Quayle Office Action dated August 7, 2003, along with a Petition for Extension of Time and appropriate fee, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith on the accompanying pages. Claims 6 and 8-10 are all the claims pending in the application.

As indicated by the Examiner during the telephone conference with the undersigned, although the claims are in condition for allowance, the present application was incorrectly processed as national stage application under 35 U.S.C. § 371 instead of as continuation application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Therefore, Applicant prepared and filed a Petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.182 in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on September 2, 2003 requesting that the present application be accepted as a continuation application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b).

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At the time of the filing of this Response, Applicant has yet to receive a Decision on the Petition. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withhold further action in the application until a Decision on the Petition has been issued.

If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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